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Sir:

This is a timely reply to an office action dated September 3, 2004. Twenty seven claims have been canceled and one independent claim and four dependent claims have been added. No fee is enclosed. If any fee is due, please charge the fee to deposit account 07-1732.